

## Remarks

The double patenting rejection

This rejection is provisional, and Applicants will respond with the necessary terminal disclaimers  
5 should USSN 09/312,740 go to issue.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2. par.

Applicants have revised their claim language to set forth that

10 the interface mak[es] the model entities, their hierarchical relationships, and the  
information to which the representations of the model entities provide access  
perceptible to a collaborator (claim 1, lines 15-18)

The amendment makes the perceptibility of the model entities a property of the interface, rather  
than an action performed by the collaborator, and as such, "perceptibility" is not relative. An  
15 interface which provides a display of the model entities, their hierarchical relationships, and the  
information is an example of an interface which "makes...perceptible". The amendment to claim 1  
and similar amendments to claims 3-4, 13, and 24 have consequently overcome the rejection.

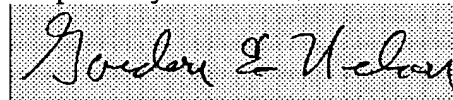
Traversal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

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Conclusion

25 Please charge any additional fees required for the amendment or refund any overpayments to  
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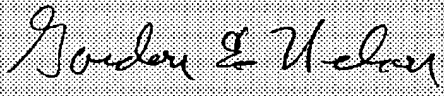
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